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Henry Hastings Hall to Sarah Bracher, 31 May 1858

Cathcart Hard hills

May 31st 1858

Here I am my dear sister at another rush, knocked hither & thither like a shuttle-cock, Taylor & self have been here three weeks and are doing a little better. Shake & Turner are still at Pleasant Creek. I have to acknowledge your letter of 10th of May also Aunt's do: and my brother wrote me there was a letter advertised for me in the *Gov^t Gazette* after some trouble I obtained it and found it was from our father. I suppose he had heard from you we had removed to Ararat — curious enough with that letter I obtained an *Examiner* newspaper from you of 26th Feby, they were stuck together. Taylor thanks you for his letter. For no female acquaintance have I such a profound esteem as for Mrs Smithers, I am glad to hear of her. I know you will be glad to get fuller tidings of our poor departed mother. I shall send the original to Shake — by hand. Kind remembrances to George and the family

Your affect brother

H H Hall

Excuse this brief affair I am working a 50 ft hole with strange mates & have but little time to myself just now.